

INCREASED ARRIVALS.

Gloucester Harbor a Busy Place Last Year.

Crafts of All Kinds Coming Here Numbered 5702.

The record book of arrivals at the Custom House, shows that for the year ending December 31, 1903, there were 5702 arrivals at this port, against 5168 in the year 1904. The year in this department has been a busy one and Boarding Officer Charles O'Brien, under whose department this work comes, is proud of the increased showing made.

The record book shows that the arrivals were divided as follows:

- United States government crafts, 25.
- American steamers, 676.
- American towboats, 151.
- American barges, 69.
- American schooners, 4678.
- British schooners, 91.
- British steamers, 4.
- Italian barks, 5.
- Italian ships, 1.
- Norwegian barks, 1.
- American barks, 1.

Experiments in Clam Culture.

The experiment which the state fish and game commissioners are to make with clam culture over on Cape Ann will be viewed with a great deal of interest. There has been the theory in the minds of a number of people for a considerable length of time that clams could be farmed very successfully, but the state frowns upon private enterprises along this line, on the ground that if clams are privately raised there will be an interference with the market of the men now engaged in the business. Whether this is so or not we do not know, but if it is true, as has been claimed, that the supply of bivalves was diminishing, then the state, to be consistent must see that the clammers are provided with opportunities to ply their vocation.

To prevent private parties from entering the business because the state desires to protect the present clammers, and then to make no provision to aid the latter in the diminution of their supply would have been highly inconsistent. We presume the idea of the state is to augment the clam supply, as it does the supply of game birds, etc., and to this extent the movement is to be commended. As we have said the experiment will be watched with a great deal of solicitude by those who are interested in the business.—Newburyport News.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Today's Fish Market.

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Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, .00 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.75

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh haddock, \$1.20.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Fresh pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 1500 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 8000 cod.

Sch. Juliette, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 3000 cod.

Sch. Fame, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Senator, 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 3500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Laura Enos, 4500 pollock.

Sch. Kernwood, 6500 haddock, 500 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$4.50; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2 to \$4; hake, \$3; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lucania was at Shelburne on Saturday.

Herring Notes.

News from Eastport is to the effect that the weather was mild last week and that the large herring, suitable for freezing had about all left. A Gloucester vessel, with a crew of seven men, had been there two or three weeks after large herring and had got none.

MONSTER FARE.

Steamer Lands 260,000 Pounds Fresh Halibut.

Claimed To Be Biggest Halibut Fare on Record.

The fishing steamer San Juan, Capt. Welding, has arrived at Seattle, Wash., from southeastern Alaskan waters with what is declared to be the largest cargo of fresh halibut ever taken into that port. She brought some 260,000 pounds, her officers declaring that she had more of this fish aboard than was ever taken into any town or seaport in the world by one vessel. According to the Seattle Times the price of halibut is at present higher than it ever was. It is now ranging from one to one and a half cents per pound higher than it was at this time a year ago, and the demand is growing larger weekly.

Within a few days the steamer Marian will be dispatched to the halibut banks by the American Fish Company of Tacoma, in which Gloucester capital is interested, which intends to operate the craft regularly in the trade. The Marian is undergoing the necessary alterations to fit her for her new run, she having been recently purchased by the fish firm.

FREEZER FOR ST. PIERRE.

New French Concern Wants To Hear from Our Bankers.

U. S. Commercial Agent Freeman of St. Pierre, Miquelon, in making a report recently speaks of the society La Marine Franchise with headquarters at Paris. It has a paid up capital of \$579,000 and is organized by some of the big fish dealing firms and organized on lines of U. S. corporations. Beside conducting its fishing business at St. Pierre it is the intention of the society to build the coming season a bait refrigerator, and the manager, M. Louis Legasse, would like to hear from American manufacturers of refrigerator plants, with a view of placing an order. He would also like to hear from American bank fishermen in regard to making St. Pierre the baiting headquarters of the American fleet.

Three years of poor fisheries at St. Pierre have driven many small owners out of business, the number of vessels engaged in the bank fisheries having decreased, as also the people employed. This lack of employment has started many to seek for a livelihood elsewhere. It is estimated that 50 fishermen, with their families, have gone to Gloucester and other fishing ports in the United States, 25 to other parts of the United States, and 300 to Canada, principally Cape Breton.

FISH CAME BACK.

Were Shipped from Here Recently to Porto Rico.

The last number of Shipping Illustrated has the following note:

"As predicted in this column several weeks ago, the cargo of fish sent direct to Porto Rico from Gloucester arrived on a very low and falling market. The result was that the fish were shipped back to the exporters by steamer arriving in New York on Monday. Letters received stated that the fish could not be used in Porto Rico owing to the overstocked condition. It is doubtful if the Gloucester dealer will try the experiment again soon, considering what they will lose on this lot. The Porto Rico market is utterly demoralized, but other markets from which reports are at hand remain about the same as previously reported."

In regard to the sending back of the fish, the Fishing Gazette says:

"The experiment made by the Gloucester salt fish dealers of sending a schooner load of fish to the Porto Rico markets did not prove to be the success expected by them, most of the fish being returned to this country by steamer. In the future they will probably 'look before they leap.'"

Only a few weeks ago, the Gazette published a story of the shipping of fish direct from here to Porto Rico in the Margaret and remarked at the time that at last Gloucester was awakening, etc., in this direction. And now it picks it up the other way on the same matter. Well, it's hard to suit the Gazette.

Frozen Herring for New York.

The sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, with her cargo of frozen herring, sailed from here last evening for New York, where the fare will be disposed of.

FROM SECOND TRIP.

Steam Trawler Spray Arrived at Boston This Morning.

Was Out Ten Days and Has an Ordinary Fare.

The steam otter trawler Spray, Capt. H. Dexter Malone, arrived at T wharf, Boston, this morning from her second trip and hails for 40,000 lbs. of fresh haddock and 2000 pounds of fresh cod.

The craft sailed a week ago last Tuesday and has a very ordinary fare, and far from the 100,000 pounds which it was predicted she would have. Several of the off shore fishing vessels in the dock this morning have larger trips than the Spray, although this trip is an improvement over the first one.

MAIDEN TRIP.

Handline Sch. Teazer Went Long Way for Her Bait.

The pretty new sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, arrived here this morning from her maiden trip with 25,000 lbs. of salted codfish. The new craft went a long way for her bait, going to Bay of Islands to secure it. She is engaged in the deck handline fishery and this is the farthest a vessel in this fishery has been for bait in recent years. Capt. Dunskey found fish scarce. Both he and his crew are delighted with their new craft and say she is all right.

MADE QUICK PASSAGE.

Sch. Senator Gardner Came Home in Five and a Half Days.

Capt. Nelson Says No Ice Was Reported on West Coast.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Vincent Nelson, arrived here this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1100 barrels of salt herring and 275 barrels of frozen herring. The vessel left Bay of Islands last Friday so Capt. Nelson has made the homeward passage in 5 1/2 days, the fastest passage of the season. He reports bad weather about all the way but suffered no accident.

Last evening he was close off here when the southeaster struck, and the snow and rain squalls came so fierce that he hauled off. When it held up, he made the lights and came in, but came near piling up on Dog Bar breakwater, as he was looking for the buoy that has always been there and did not find it. He did not know about the light being placed on the end of the breakwater and mistook it for the light of some steamer for shelter and at anchor. The danger, however, was discovered in time to avoid it, and the craft came in all right. The captain believes that the permanent light on the end of the breakwater will have to have a more distinguishing color, or it will result in disaster to some vessel.

Capt. Nelson brings an interesting report from the herring fleet at Bay of Islands. He says that all the vessels have for some time been engaged in freezing herring and the salt herring catch is done. He estimates that there were only about 6500 barrels of salt herring to come. Herring had been very scarce, but for two days before he left there had been quite a lot in one little place in Goose arm and close in on the shore. So many vessels were setting their nets there however that it would not last long as the fish were easily driven.

The weather had been very bad and some vessels which were anchored only a short distance from where the herring were, had been unable to put out a boat to get in there and set their nets. He thought by this time that Schs. Dauntless and A. M. Nicholson should be on the way with salt herring cargoes. Off here last night he passed the British sch. Ida Clark, bound for Boston with a cargo of salt herring.

In regard to the weather and ice, Capt. Nelson said there was plenty of snow there and also had been considerable frost. He saw no ice anywhere and said that the steamer Home had just returned from Battle Harbor, 150 miles up the coast, in the Straits and her captain reported plenty of snow, but not a sign of ice and that the weather up there was mild. This is the latest the steamer had been able to get that far up the coast for several seasons.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Charles Flygore, arrived this morning Bay of Islands with 1175 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. Ralph E. Eaton, which went over to Plymouth some weeks ago for a load of frozen herring, returned this morning. She secured but few fish on account of the soft weather.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arbutus, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Senator Gardner, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring, 275 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Speculator, Georges, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ralph E. Eaton, Plymouth.
Sch. Teazer, Quero, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Almeida, shore.
Sch. Kernwood, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Pythian, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes.

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Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh haddock, \$1.20.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Fresh pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Hope, 11,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Steam trawler Spray, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 40,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Vera, 40,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. James S. Steele, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 4000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Kilham, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. John M. Keen, 7000 haddock, 600 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Viola, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mildred P. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 700 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Theresa and Alice, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Venus, 1000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Rapidan, 1200 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Arcadia, 50,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Massachusetts, 28,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Manomet, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mattakesett, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Sencoma, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

ROUGH PASSAGE BACK.

Sch. Margarette Reaches Boston from Porto Rico.

Sch. Margarette of Beverly, Capt. Wonson, of this city, which took a cargo of cured fish to Porto Rico from here recently, arrived at Boston from St. Martin's, West Indies, with 1500 bushels of salt, which will be discharged there. The passage home was made in 12 days and very rough weather was encountered, one gale off Block Island being especially severe. The craft suffered no damage.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 12,000 haddock.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Gr. & W. Hone, 100 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Flavilla, 3500 haddock, 600 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.75; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hake, \$1.75 to \$4; pollock, \$2.25.

ACTING THE HOG.

Says Big Nova Scotia Fish Firm Regarding Our People.

The Lunenburg, N. S., Progress Enterprise of December 27 of last year contained the following communication, which will no doubt be read here with some interest:

Editor Progress Enterprise:

Sir:—In expressing our views regarding the present concessions to United States fishermen, we may say that we were opposed to the granting of the Modus Vivendi, at the time believing that the attitude of the United States in trade relations with Canada did not warrant such generous treatment.

When the United States senate refused to grant in return the free admission of Canadian fish, the Modus Vivendi should have then terminated.

We favor the discontinuance of the Modus Vivendi before another fishing season. In its enjoyment the United States gets so much and gives nothing in return. We injure and cripple our own fisheries to be neighborly with a people who have persisted in acting the hog. Cut them out! Canada for the Canadians!

W. C. Smith & Co., Ltd.

Lunenburg, N. S.
In connection with the above the TIMES has received the following communication:

Messrs. Editors:—I am sending you the enclosed clipping showing you what one of the leading firms of Nova Scotia thinks that Canada should do regarding the Modus Vivendi. At the same time if I do not mistake, some of your business firms are chartering vessels from the manager of this concern and also buying herring of him. If you have a list of the Nova Scotia vessels, I think you will find that this firm has six schooners in the Newfoundland herring trade that have brought or are to bring herring cargoes to Gloucester, either under charter by, or to sell to, Gloucester.

FAIR PLAY.

TWO HERRING CARGOES HERE.

Others Are Reported on the Way Home from Newfoundland.

Two cargoes of salt herring arrived here this morning, the British sch. St. Helena bringing 700 barrels of salt herring in bulk and 600 barrels of barreled herring. The cargo will be divided between several of the smoking firms, the bulk herring bringing \$4.50 per barrel.

The British sch. Speculator arrived here this afternoon from Bay of Islands with a cargo of salt herring for local dealers.

Sch. Dauntless has secured a full load of salt herring at Bay of Islands and is ready to start for home.

Sch. Senator Gardner is also on the way home from Bay of Islands with a cargo of salt herring.

Sch. Arbutus, with a cargo of salt herring, is expected here today or tomorrow.

The British sch. Latooka is on the way here from Green Bay, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring for Slade Gorton & Co.

Jan 4

PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Nova Scotia Fisheries and Other Pursuits Boomed in 1905.

The Halifax Chronicle has published a special New Year's number devoted mostly to story of prosperity of Nova Scotia during the year 1905. In the column of annual wealth the figure shows that the value of the Nova Scotia fisheries for the year was \$9,000,000. The edition contains many special articles of various industries of the Provinces, going into many of them at great length. The fisheries come in for a very large share of attention, as do the dogfish reduction plants and the great great number of bait freezers that have been erected during the year. A comprehensive table of fish prices for the past 20 years shows that last year holds the record for high prices on dry fish and herring. Canso and Lunenburg and other big fishing centres all report prosperous years in their fisheries although the catch of bait at some places was small, while at Canso it was extra good. Eighteen bait freezers were built during the year and the dogfish plants were run overtime. All in all it was a big year for Nova Scotia.

Jan. 5

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Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston.
Sch. Mand F. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Cabral, via Boston.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
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Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.
Fresh pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.
Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.
Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

Boston.

No arrivals today. Several vessels left over from yesterday are taking out.
Haddock \$1.50 to \$3.15, large cod \$2.50 to \$5, market cod \$1.50 to \$3, hake \$2 to \$4, pollock \$2.50.

Herring Notes.

Sch. Britannia with 650 barrels of frozen herring and sch. Slantly with 400 barrels arrived at Halifax Tuesday from Bay of Islands, N. F.

Trawl Caught in Sunken Wreck

The beam trawler Spray, which arrived at Boston from her second trip with an ordinary fare, fished on Georges bank. Capt. Malone reports bad weather on the trip and also that the trawl was caught in a sunken wreck and that this caused considerable delay. The machinery and gear are now working much more smoothly and under favorable conditions he expects for larger fares hereafter.

Jan. 5

FOR HIS GOOD WORK.

Vessel Owners Assure Mr. Alexander of Their Appreciation.

Mr. A. B. Alexander, of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, assistant in charge of the divisions of statistics and methods of the fisheries, but who since last August has been on the United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus at Newfoundland, studying the migration of mackerel in those waters, and has also represented the United States at Bay of Islands through the herring fishery dispute of the fall and winter, returned to Washington yesterday afternoon, after speeding a week here, following his return from his long and delicate mission.

Since he returned, Mr. Alexander has given freely of his time to talks with local vessel owners and has given much information regarding the state of the herring fishery at Bay of Islands this season and how the vessels have been doing. As to the matters pertaining to the fishery trouble with Newfoundland and what has been done in regard to the same, Mr. Alexander has been very discreet and vouchsafed but little, preferring that it come from the state department, to whom he has made frequent reports.

Enough has been learned here from time to time, however, to show that he has been the right man in the right place, and through his tact and diplomacy has prevented any friction and accomplished a great deal for our vessel owners, skippers and fishermen. He has been most cordially treated since he came home, and left for Washington with the personal assurances from the various vessel owners of their appreciation of the good work he had accomplished in such a quiet and unostentatious manner.

It is understood that later the reports of Mr. Alexander or the vital points of them may be embodied in a government report, and if so it will be valuable and highly interesting document and be read with interest.

Fine Record.

Sch. Teresa and Alice of Boston, Capt. George Perry, has made a fine record in the past ten days. This craft is one of the shore fishing fleet and has made three trips in ten days fishing on Middle Bank and landing 30,000 pounds of fresh fish on which the fine stock of \$60 to a man was made.

Jan. 6

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Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 hake.
Haddock, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Margaret was at Cans on Wednesday.

Jan. 6

Herring Notes.

The British sch. Ida M. Clark, from Bay of Islands with a cargo of salt herring for Boston which put in here for harbor yesterday afternoon, sailed this morning.

A despatch to the Boston Fish Bureau from Bay Islands, N. F., yesterday says that every vessel that went to Bay of Islands is about sure to secure a load of herring and get away before the ice comes. The weather has been remarkably favorable for fishing and practically no ice formed. The despatch also says that all the Canadian vessels have loaded and are waiting a chance to sail, as are also schs. A. M. Nicholson and Atlanta. The remainder of the fleet will finish getting cargoes early next week.

Sch. Parthia arrived at this port this morning from Bay of Islands with a cargo of salt herring.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, Capt. Archibald Devire, arrived home from a herring trip to the Maine coast this morning, with 250 barrels of frozen herring. The vessels has been as far eastward as Bar Harbor and found fish very scarce.

Jan. 8

HERRING NEWS.

British Vessel Here Today with Frozen Cargo.

Many Nets Lost at Bay of Islands in Recent Storm.

The British sch. Jennie May arrived at this port this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring. The vessel was chartered by D. B. Smith & Co., and the cargo has been sold by them to New York parties and the vessel will sail for there to discharge.

The Western Star of last Wednesday says: "The herring fishery is still being actively prosecuted, although the results are not as successful as desired. Several days last week herring were very plentiful in the bottom of the Goose Arm, and some boats cleared as much as one hundred and thirty dollars in a day and a half by freezing their fish. Most of the Americans intend abandoning the voyage next week, by which time they expect to have all their vessels loaded. The local craft taking cargoes to Halifax and elsewhere most all got clear before the end of the year, so as to avoid payment of light dues. Most of the Bay St. George men have given up the fishery and gone home. The late storms played havoc with the nets, and as a result a great deal of gear was destroyed by the gales and by the owners of nets whose gear was fouled with that of other fishermen."

The Humber Arm froze over a week ago Friday, but the high wind on Saturday broke up the ice and drove it out the bay.

Recent dispatches from Bay of Islands state that the Humber is again frozen over and that communication with the fleet in the North and Middle Arms is difficult.

LOST ANCHORS AND CABLE.

Sch. Louisa Polleys Encountered Gale on Banks.

Sch. Louisa Polleys of this port, one of the Georges handline fleet, put in at Shelburne, N. S., a few days ago, with cable and two anchors gone and other damage. Her captain reported encountering a heavy gale on the banks recently, the vessel parting her cable twice. She had 10,000 pounds of salt cod on board and will return to this port.